



**para el mundo - pour le monde - for the World - para o mundo - per il mondo**

The Nazarene Taborinian charism invites us to approach the mystery of Nazareth as a model of all virtues and as a guide for all. Brother Gabriel received this charism from the Spirit and it is he who calls us, Brothers and Laity to live and celebrate it: work, prayer and love as they were lived in Nazareth are for us a spiritual orientation, to be able to respond to the universal call to holiness and to radiate it in the Church and in the world.

## **The Fraternities: living the Christian vocation in a Nazarene key**

The beauty of this Charism is that we can live it in our state of life, in our daily life: at home, at work, with friends, in the Parishes... and with simple acts. It is a domestic spirituality that is lived in small gestures, such as embracing, welcoming, listening and helping all those in need, as Pope Francis invites us to do. The Fraternity also helps to discern the concrete choices to be made in terms of mission and service.

An important element is the "Family Spirit": "The Spirit of body and family... is born of charity and, consequently, of God who is charity itself... they are of one heart and one soul, they love and help each other, they share the joys and sorrows, the successes and failures of all; reciprocal attentions and an endearing fraternity unify the spirits... and God reigns over all" (Bro. Gabriel, Circular N° 21, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864). These words addressed to the Brothers can be extended today to our Fraternities. We, members of the Fraternities, live our baptismal vocation in our state of life, in a Nazarene spirit. We share life and prayer, we cultivate faith and hope. Together, with Brother Gabriel and the Holy Family, we have a strong sense of identification and belonging to the Sa-Fa Family. In many of them this sense of belonging is expressed through their commitments.

These commitments allowed them to grow and mature integrally, developing their personal faculties, internalising values and advancing in the full maturity of their vocation. It helped them to achieve a balance in order to live their professional, family and personal lives in a Nazarene way.

Regular meetings strengthen them spiritually. They pray and seek ongoing formation. This is based on listening to the Word and the documents of the Church. But it is also based on the life witness of many Brothers who left us profound writings about Brother Gabriel.

Gabriel affirmed that "where you have your treasure, there you will have your heart" (Mt 6:21). We ask then that our heart be always under the humble roof of Nazareth, where all the virtues, human and divine, are gathered.

Patricia Rivas. Argentina



III International meeting. Argentina 2015

## Council of Fraternities

The Association of lay faithful, so called Nazarene Fraternities, has an Animator at the level of each Fraternity; at the Provincial level, a Coordinator of FFNN and at the General level of the Institute, a General Coordinator with his Council, made up of the Provincial Coordinators of FFNN and the Delegate of the Superior General.

The mission of this Council, which meets virtually every month, is defined in the Life Plan of the FFNN when it states that its mission is:

- To maintain communication and information between the Fraternities.
- In agreement with the Superior General and his Council, to convene and prepare, normally every six years, an International Meeting of the Fraternities in order to:
  - Promote life and communion among the Fraternities.
  - To review the fulfilment of the Plan of Life of the Association.
  - To deal with some topic of formation of interest to the Fraternities.



The Council is presided over by Mr Leandro Ramos Bernardo, appointed by the Superior General as a General Coordinator; at the same time he is the Coordinator of the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption; Mr Michel Barbut, the Coordinator of the Province of Our Lady of Lorette; Mr Edgardo Vilmar Duarte, the Coordinator of the Province of Our of Lady of Hope, and Brother Néstor Achigar, as a Delegate of the Superior General.

## International Pre-Assembly: 25 and 26 June

After several years of many postponements, we will be able to meet in a mixed form (in person in each School and through telematics from each Group gathered in their Centre), to share experiences, lived situations and, above all, our Nazarene Spirituality.

It will be a time to get closer to the desired International Meeting, hopefully in person, in 2023 in Europe, according to the established sequence of meetings.



After some consultations and taking all opinions into account, the chosen dates are 25 and 26 June. There will be two sessions (Saturday and Sunday) of about 4 hours each (8 hours in total). With timetables adjusted according to use, so we will all need to make some effort to meet.

The theme will be "Conclusions of the General Chapter: a view from the Fraternity". We will study the orientations for the next six years, for subsequent adaptation according to the decisions of the different Provincial Chapters. But, above all, we will try, together, to face the challenges of revitalisation needed in the Association of the FFNN.

Let us seek the interconnection of all the Fraternities of the world, trying to reach the most distant or isolated for geographical or technological reasons and encouraging the formation of new Fraternities where we continue to share the Nazarene Spirituality that arose from the inspiration of Vn. Bro. Gabriel Taborin.

When you experience the Lord, it is difficult to live life without his Presence. I was in a community in the Sa-Fa school in Madrid when I was invited to a Fraternity meeting. At the beginning, it was difficult because you don't go to a group of friends, you have to get to know the other people and adapt yourself to the Spirituality they are living, but little by little I got into it. I didn't understand Brother Gabriel's mission until I travelled to Belley and attended the course "In the Footsteps of Brother Gabriel". The approach to Mission and Spirituality did the rest. The commitment I make each year encourages me to follow the Way, to unite myself more and more to God and to the brothers and sisters, the feeling of fraternity being deep and real.

**Luz Martínez. Spain**

It is a pleasure to participate and be part of the Fraternity because together we can deepen, experience and share prayer and the Nazarene charism. This path allows us to grow in faith, with a family spirit, living it in spiritual freedom, as a sign of the times and a gift of the Spirit, in proximity to Nazareth, model of bonds. It identifies us with the style of the Holy Family, the place where God became man.

In short, from the Fraternity we cultivate Nazarene Spirituality in everyday family, social and professional situations. We take a particular look at our domestic Christian life, assuming it with joy and simplicity of heart.

**Álvaro Curráis. Uruguay**

**This is  
the Fraternity  
for me**



My relationship with the Institute began when our children arrived at the College Charles de FOUCAULD in Lyon. The College and the Institution Saint Louis in Dagneux participated in the Congresses of the International Holy Family Association and in the Olympics. It was Brother Bruno Michalat, who was the Brother Provincial at the time, who encouraged us to become part of the Fraternity, so that we would feel more responsible for our commitments in daily life. This is how I personally experienced these years, of which I have excellent memories".

**Gérard Berne. Francia**

Throughout the eleven years that I have been a member of the Fraternity, I feel happy and motivated. We approach our shared mission by improving our knowledge of the Gospel, by listening to the evangelical reflection of the Brothers and the members of the Fraternity. As a commitment we participate in local church activities as lectors, we do various works of help and assistance to the needy and we share our Fraternity life with our own families. In this way, members are able to live the charism of the Sa-Fa Family in our lives, with our family and with the community.

**Cherry. Philippines**

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## COMMITMENT



## SOLIDARITY



## LOOKING TO NAZARETH

## PRAYER TRAINING



## MEETING

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